

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A fuel vapor treatment device comprising:
 - a casing having a charge port connected to a fuel tank, a purge port connected to an intake side of an engine, and an atmospheric air port through which atmospheric air is introduced;
 - fuel vapor adsorbing material filled in the casing;
 - a filter disposed in the casing and between the atmospheric air port and the fuel vapor adsorbing material to trap dust contained in atmospheric air; and
- 10 a baffle plate disposed in the casing and between the atmospheric air port and the filter to change flow of atmospheric air introduced through the atmospheric air port into a generally radial direction, wherein an annular space is formed around the baffle plate so that atmospheric air from the baffle plate flows through the annular space to the filter.
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2. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filter includes a pre-filter and a main filter which are arranged in series with each other, the pre-filter being located nearer to the baffle plate than the main filter, the pre-filter having an effective cross-sectional area which is not smaller than an effective cross-sectional area of the main filter.
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3. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the filter includes a pre-filter and a main filter which are arranged in series with each other, the pre-filter being located nearer to the baffle plate than the main filter, the pre-filter being coarser than the main filter.
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4. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the pre-filter and the main filter are separate from each other to define a space therebetween, wherein a wall section is formed outside and spaced
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from the main filter to define a dust retaining chamber contiguous with the space which dust retaining chamber retains dust in atmospheric air passed through the pre-filter.

5 5. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the pre-filter and the main filter are separate from each other to define a space therebetween, wherein a wall section is formed outside and spaced from the main filter to define a dust retaining chamber contiguous with the space which dust retaining chamber retains dust in atmospheric air
10 which has passed through the pre-filter.

6. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 4, wherein fins formed at a surface of the wall section defining the dust retaining chamber, the fins extending into the dust retaining chamber.

15 7. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 5, wherein fins formed at a surface of the wall section defining the dust retaining chamber, the fins extending into the dust retaining chamber.

20 8. A fuel vapor treatment as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the main filter has a center axis which is offset from a center axis of the pre-filter.

25 9. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the main filter has a center axis which is offset from a center axis of the pre-filter.

30 10. A fuel vapor treatment device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the casing includes a cylindrical wall section having a first end portion formed with the atmospheric air port, and a second end portion integral with a main body of the casing, the filter being sealingly disposed adjacent the second end portion and located perpendicular to an axis of

the cylindrical wall section, wherein the baffle plate is disposed inside the cylindrical wall section and located spaced from an inner peripheral surface of the cylindrical wall section to define a generally annular space around the baffle plate, the baffle plate being perpendicular to the axis
5 of the cylindrical wall section and separate from the filter to define a space which is contiguous with the generally annular space.